

TO JOIN TWO OCEANS.

The Superiority of the Nicaraguan Route for a Canal to

UNITE THE ATLANTIC AND PACIFIC

The Difficulties Which Would Have to be Overcome.

A PRETTY GOOD COUNTRY TO LIVE IN

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

CORINTO, NICARAGUA, March 30.—The many accounts which have appeared in American newspapers regarding the proposed Nicaragua waterway...



Old Sentry Box at Port San Carlos.

They have given no idea of the scenery, climate and social conditions prevailing along the line of this proposed canal.

This port of Corinto, the old Realajo, is out of the line surveyed for the canal proposed to be constructed by the company which has been seeking a charter from the United States Government.

CHANGES IN THE SAN JUAN.—It was a longer route than that now approved, but it had many advantages which were more apparent in these days than at present.

Of the San Juan afforded a commodious anchorage for ships of war; now it is entirely silted up.

The present harbor of Briso will have to undergo many changes before it can be made fit for the purposes of modern commerce and navigation by vessels of deep draught.

was the distributing station for the old Nicaragua transit to Virgin Bay on Lake Nicaragua.

A BITTER RIVALRY.—Rivas, the ancient capital of Nicaragua, is quite close to the point at which the proposed canal will enter the lake on the western side.

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clothing, and the choosing of such spots for residence as are located above the miasmatic level.

A DANGEROUS DISEASE.—The most dangerous affection in Nicaragua is the miasmata, a sort of congestive chill, commonly brought on by exposure to damp clothing, or by the direct absorption of malaria poison when the system is in an exhausted condition.

From Port San Carlos, at the head of the San Juan river, on the lake, to the harbor of Greytown, at its mouth, is about 90 miles.

The San Juan flows with a deep, regular current for 24 miles, till the Toro Rapids are reached, when the banks rise high, and garlands of tropical creepers descend to the water's edge, giving the scenery a character entirely new.

A SERIES OF RAPIDS.—The Toro Rapids are the first of a system extending down the river for about 15 miles, but none of them are really formidable obstacles to navigation by small boats.

All the rapids, however, will have to be bridged by an artificial structure, the locks, the river being dammed up. Two miles below the Toro Rapids lie those of the Casillo, so-called from the old fort or castle which once stood on the site.

Nicaragua. It stands on the summit of a hill with steep sides toward the river, and has an admirable location for military purposes.

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which an English expedition gained an inglorious and barren victory over the Nicaraguan forces in 1848.

It will be seen from this outline of the problem that the three main difficulties of the enterprise, and therefore its most costly features, are the passage of the rapids, the dredging, etc., at the terminal points—Briso and Greytown—and the cost of inland transit during construction.

At the same time, it is impossible for an impartial observer who has gone over the route before Greytown, would long be inclined to the conclusion that the Panama Canal funds already fruitfully expended being placed at the disposal of a honest, intelligent and earnest corporation in Nicaragua, a canal connecting the two oceans, between Briso and Greytown, would long be a completed fact.

VERY STRANGE STATEMENTS.—Made Unintentionally by the Omission of Marks of Punctuation.

The following specimens of curious punctuation are given by the Printers' Register: A man who was suddenly taken sick "fastened his hands over his eyes for his recovery were resorted to. In spite of his efforts, he died in the triumphs of the Christian religion."

hotel was thus advertised: "This hotel will be kept by the widow of the former landlord, Mr. Brown, who died last summer on a new and improved plan."

Wastes Well Populated.—In an article in the Forum this month Senator Stewart calls attention to the possibility of placing a population of 300,000,000 in the Great American desert.

Beautiful Engraving Free.—"Will They Consent?" is a magnificent engraving, 19 1/2 inches. It is an exact copy of an original painting by Kwall, who was paid \$8,000 for it.

A Nicaragua Village.—Rapids derive their name from Captain Diego Machuca, who explored the river in 1523. It is in this portion of the stream that the engineering difficulties will be greatest.

SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES.—The mouth of the San Carlos river, a tributary of the San Juan, is reached 15 miles below, the navigation being now easy. Next comes the mouth of the Serapiqui, near

THE SOUTHERN LAND.

Bessie Bramble Discusses a Number of Interesting Topics.

SWELL EQUESTRIANS IN AIKEN.

Votes Are Voted, Whether in the North or in the South.

BALMY SPRING IN SOUTH CAROLINA

(CORRESPONDENCE OF THE DISPATCH.)

AIKEN, S. C., April 2.—March has gone out, and the season at this "city in the sand" is fairly at its height.

After all, however, it is to be said that the whites and blacks here, having always been accustomed to each other, and brought up together in amity and kindly relationship.

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raining in many cases as the Hottentots or Zulus. One mother, who makes money in winter by her dett rubbing and manipulating of invalids, said she had 15 children, but every one of them was "allied all the time in some way or another."

JUST LIKE THE NORTH.—We asked a fairly intelligent colored man as to the fraudulent voting business, and he said that the workers on large estates and in the factories and other employments where large numbers found work had to vote the Democratic ticket or else they lost their places.

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no attraction to Northern men. Nevertheless it may be said that the most successful farmers and business men in this vicinity are from the North.

A GALLA DAY for the visitors to go to Powell's farm. Here to be seen are acres of peach trees in beautiful pink bloom, and pears in snowy white bloom.

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ART NOTES AND COMMENTS.

A RATHER strong and broadly handled portrait bearing the signature "Gillespie" is noted at Gillespie's.

A PORTRAIT in oil of Mr. Jos. Eichbaum, by an unknown hand, is shown at Boyl's.

SEVERAL very fine photographs of works by P. A. Frantz and Edward Delleare are to be seen in Gillespie's window.

SIXTY taking possession of his new studio on Fourth avenue, Mr. F. King has been on more conducive to freedom of thought, as well as to the writer's visitors are here, and then advise the working of the cotton gin on a certain day for their amusement and instruction.

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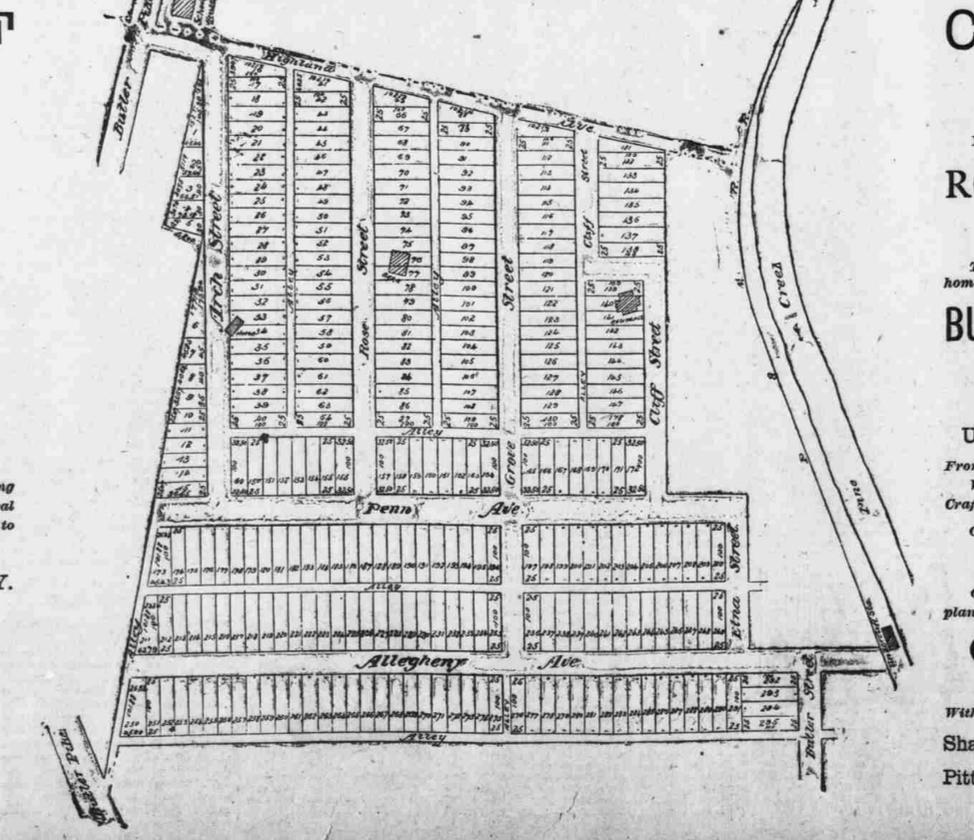
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